

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 1 on page 11 as follows:

In the preferred embodiment, the parser that creates the description trees is an XML Path Language/XML Pointer Language (XPath/XPointer) aware parser. Thus, the absolute and relative location of the nodes 208 in the tree are identified by the triple (e.g., axis, nodetest, and predicate) constructs. These are attached as fragment modifiers to a Uniform Resource Locator (URI) address. For example, "po.xml#items/child::item[positions() = 1]/attribute::partNum_" is a valid XPath expression that selects the PartNum attribute of the first child <item> of <items>.[["]] The XPointer extends to XPath by introducing point and range concepts as positional declarations within a document. A suitable parser is described in "XML Path Language (XPath), World Wide Web Consortium, W3C Proposed Recommendation," and "XML Pointer Language (XPointer), World Wide Web Consortium, W3C Working Draft."

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 12 on page 13 as follows:

In step 415, the server 202 sends the location within the description 206 for the update to the client 204. This may be specified as either an absolute or as a relative address. A relative address may be useful for allowing a server 202 which does not has knowledge of only a portion of the description 206 to direct an update. Furthermore, the update may be before or after a target node 208.